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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. Claims 1, 2, 5, 15, 17, and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bostick et al. (3759356) in view of Latshaw (D411664). Bostick teaches a center storage compartment with a top opening, an upper front storage compartment 24, a lower front storage compartment, a side storage compartment 24. Bostick meets all claimed limitations except for the rear compartment, and the side storage compartment. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide another compartment in the side and on the rear to provide additional storage device.

Regarding claim 21, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the feet as taught by Latshaw to provide support for the bottom.

Regarding claims 22-27, it is an intended use for having the storage holding the items. The compartments in the modified Bostick is capable of the intended use.

2. Claims 3, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bostick rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 1, and further in view of Reed (2904091). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the inner storage pouch with a pouch and a zipper member as taught by Reed to provide additional storage.

3. Claims 6-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bostick rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 1, and further in view of Jacobs et al. (D377415). it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a car sleeve member, a penholder sleeve, and a holding strap with O-ring attached for provide the desired contents.

Regarding claim 9, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the upper front pocket with gussets on the two sides enable the pocket collapsible/expandable as taught by Jacobs to provide the desired pocket for the container.

Regarding claims 11-12, note the strap holding the mirror in Fig. 8. Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to fixedly attaché to one to the expandable sidewalls at one end to provide the desired place for attaching the strap. Furthermore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to place the mirror in one of the sleeve receiving slots to provide the desired place for placing the mirror.

4. Claim 6-7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bostick rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 1, and further in view of Siris (D330281). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a car sleeve member, a penholder sleeve, for provide the desired contents.

Regarding claim 9, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the upper front pocket with gussets on the two sides to enable the pocket collapsible/expandable as taught by Siris to provide the desired pocket for the container.

5. Claim 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bostick rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 1, and further in view of either Gallo (2555122) or Farmer (5873504). Gallo teaches that it is known in the art to provide a fastening device on the top wall of a lower compartment. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the zipper of the lower front compartment of Bostick on the top wall as taught by Gallo to provide an alterative construction of the pocket.

Furthermore, Farmer teaches that it is known in the art to provide a zipper on the top wall as shown in Fig. 5. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a lower front compartment with a zipper on the top wall as taught by Farmer to provide an alterative pocket.

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6. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bostick rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 1, and further in view of Freund (1464176). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a pocket on the lower compartment as taught by Freund to provide additional storage. Furthermore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the pouch on the bottom wall to provide the desired location for the pocket.

7. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bostick rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 1, and further in view of Adams (2577670), and further in view of Thompson et al. (5524749). Adams teaches that it is known in the art to provide two side pockets 42, with snap closure as taught by Adams to provide an alternative type of pocket for the container. With respect to the snap fasteners being magnetic fasteners. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide magnetic snaps as taught by Thompson to provide the desired closure mechanism and to close the pockets easily.

8. Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bostick rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 1, and further in view of Hassett (D490242). Hassett teaches that it is known in the art to provide two side pockets and the belt holding loops with each having belt buckle members (rings) thereon. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the belt attachment as taught by Hassett to provide the desired pockets and carrying belt attachment for the device.

9. Claims 1, 2, 13, 15, 17, and 22-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Redzisz (6612434) in view of either Latshaw or Trawick et al. (5526907). Redzisz teaches a main compartment a lower front compartment and a upper front compartment

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and side compartments. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide rear compartments as taught by either Latshaw or Trawick to enable to hold additional contents.

10. Claims 3, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Redzisz rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 9, and further in view of Reed (2904091). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the inner storage pouch with a pouch and a zipper member as taught by Reed to provide additional storage.

11. Claims 6-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Redzisz rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 9, and further in view of Jacobs et al. (D377415). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a car sleeve member, a penholder sleeve, and a holding strap with O-ring attached for provide the desired contents.

Regarding claim 9, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the upper front pocket with gussets on the two sides enable the pocket collapsible/expandable as taught by Jacobs to provide the desired pocket for the container.

Regarding claims 11-12, note the strap holding the mirror in Fig. 8. Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to fixedly attaché to one to the expandable sidewalls at one end to provide the desired place for attaching the strap. Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to place the mirror in one of the sleeve receiving slots to provide the desired place for placing the mirror.

12. Claims 6-7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Redzisz rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 9, and further in view of Siris (D330281). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a car sleeve member, a penholder sleeve, for provide the desired contents.

Regarding claim 9, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the upper front pocket with gussets on the two sides to enable the pocket collapsible/expandable as taught by Siris to provide the desired pocket for the container.

13. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Redzisz rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 9, and further in view of Adams (2577670), and further in view of Thompson et al. (5524749). Adams teaches that it is known in the art to provide two side pockets 42, with snap closure as taught by Adams to provide an alternative type of pocket for the container. With respect to the snap fasteners being magnetic fasteners. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide magnetic snaps as taught by Thompson to provide the desired closure mechanism and to close the pockets easily.


14. Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Redzisz rejection, as set forth above in paragraph 9, and further in view of Hassett. Hassett teaches that it is known in the art to provide two side pockets and the belt holding loops with each having belt buckle members (rings) thereon. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the belt attachment as taught by Hassett to provide the desired pockets and carrying belt attachment for the device.

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri M. Mai whose telephone number is (571)272-4541. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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